Statewise supply of Natural Gas for Fertiliser and Power Generation Plants

1462. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :—

(a) what is the total demand of natural gas for fertiliser plants and power generation in diffent parts of the country statewise;

(b) to what extent ONGC supplies the natural gas against the demand of different States, Statewise;

(c) what is the demand of Maharashtra Government for the natural gas from Bombay High for its power generation plants and how much quantity is allotted to it and by when the total demand of Maharashtra State is likely to be met; and

(d) what steps Government are taking in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) While there is no statewise allocation of natural gas approx. 29 and 34 MMSCMD respectively have been allocated for various fertiliser and power plants. Against this, the current supplies are approx. 17 & 15.5 MMSCMD respectively to the various fertiliser and power plants located in various States.

(c) and (d) 6 MMSCMD have been allocated to power plants located in Maharashtra. Further allocations could not be made within the natural gas available.

New Petroleum Reserves

1463. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wells which have gone dry due to the exhaustion of Oil and Natural Gas in the Bombay High and other parts of the sea;

(b) the new petroleum reserves explored so far during the last one year and what is the progress in the exploitations of oil and gas;

(c) the quantity of natural gas produced per day and the quantity which is flared up;

(d) the measures taken so far to control the flaring up of gas during last one year and what is the achievement in this respect; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to lay cut a new pipe line on the lines of HBJ pipe line in South India passing through Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No oil well has been exhausted in Bombay High and other coastal areas.

(b) 13 oil/gas finds were made by ONGC during the year 1991-92. During the first half of current year (April—Sept., 1992) oil and gas have been discovered in eight new structures.

(c) In 1991-92, on an average approx. 51 MMSCMD of natural gas was produced and 11.3 MMSCMD was flared.

(d) Projects for reduction of gas flaring are at Various stages of implementation in the Western Offshore, Western Region (Onshore) and Easters Region.

(e) The concept of a pipeline to the Southern Region has been approved in principle.

Allotment of Petrol, Diesel, L.P.G. and Kerosene Distributorship

1464. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol, diesel, L.P.G. and Kerosene distributorship outlets allotted by Government during the last three years, year-wise separately through the Oil Selection Board and from the discretionary quota of the Minister;

(b) what is the policy/criteria fixed for the allotment of the above mentioned outlets from the discretionary quota of the Minister and whether the same has been